

REMSCO Meeting 1/25/2010

Clinton County 911 Building

Plattsburgh, NY

Meeting Called to order by Patty Bashaw at approximately 6:03pm

Roll Call:

At site – Patty Bashaw, Guy Goodell (Staff), Bruce Sawyer, Mary Ramo (NYS DOH), Storm Treanor, Scott Harwood, Bruce Barry, Ron Jackson, Travis Howe (Staff)

By Phone – Greg Trask, Mary Jane Connors, Joe Farrell (NYS DOH), Micki Guy, Bruce Mason, Chris Norton, Gary Scidmore, Paul Zinn

Previous meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Scott Harwood. Second by Buzz Sawyer. Carried.

Financial Report: Patty gave the floor to Storm.

Concerns raised by Storm:

- Have not received any financial reports since 12/30/2009.
- We have not received contract payments from the state.
- Mountain Lakes budget looks ok.
- How much money do we have?

Travis – We have approximately \$6,000 - \$7,000 left. Program Agency Voucher was sent out to State last week.

Open discussion about line of credit.

Mary Ramo- Nobody knows for sure what is going to happen. (Referring to contract money possibly being held by the State)

Storm- We need to try to avoid using our line of credit. We are constantly on the verge of failure. We do not know how much we owe the state. We need to strategize to avoid problems.

Patty- We need to have a finance committee conference call this week.

Storm- How about the end of the week?

- Cannot lay off staff or close the office

Discussion about Audit and lease of current office space.

Ron- How long is our current lease for?

More discussion about lease, financial status and the state possibly holding funds. It was concluded that we may need to look into grants and other sources of revenue.

Storm- Finance committee needs more detailed reports on a regular basis.

Guy- Travis and I will be meeting with the DOH contracts department on Thursday.

Bruce – How are other regions generating revenue?

Guy- Maybe we can put on CME's and charge for them?

Patty- Maybe harder to get CME's like GEMS.

Guy- We are currently discussing the conference and how to do it with state funds. We can use revenue to offset costs.

Ed Corp Report: Scott opened discussion.

- Ed Corp is operating with a zero balance.
- CLI Course in March at NCCC. CIC course in summer 2010.
- There is a full schedule of classes for the fall.

Patty then read Michelle's report. There were no questions or comments.

Ron- How much money are we taking on loan?

Scott- \$15,000.00

Scott was asked about Paramedic course through HVCC that will be held at NCCC. Scott explained. Some discussion about tuition followed.

REMAC Report: Report given by Patty.

- Solumedrol discussed by doctors. It was decided that they will not look into at this time.
- Only a few doctors present and only a few agencies had their ALS certification renewed because of this. Other agencies were extended until the next meeting.
- The king Airway was discussed- no movement by doctors.
- Hospital transfer survey was discussed.
- The REMAC went into executive session. There was discussion about what Medical Directors are responsible for and what they can do. Saranac Lake was approved for a provisional renewal of

their current ALS status. There were also questions raised about how the REMAC can make sure that squads are actually meeting their submitted staffing and response plans.

- Dr. Viscardo moved that agencies need to notify dispatch when they have holes in their schedules.

Mary Jane – When squads have other squads simultaneously dispatched to their calls is it considered mutual aid or would the squads providing mutual aid need a CON for that area?

Joe F – Definition of mutual aid has been “turfed” to state councils. If calls have been predictable or repetitive it is not mutual aid.

Open discussion about CON issues and mutual aid.

Joe F- Squads need to start looking ahead and worrying about how they are doing business.

Patty – There are still six pages of ALS techs that have not turned in their annual CME and Skills sheets to the office. REMAC is in favor of charging a processing fee for late submissions. Any discussion?

Mary – REMO charges \$100.00 late fee

Storm – Fee structure was in place before. It was never enforced. Recommends a \$25.00 but we do not have the time to enforce it this year.

Patty – We need to get this in place.

Chris N – Agrees with fees but it is too late this year. Next year enforce the following:

- \$25.00 for any late submission
- \$100.00 If ALS provider does fix issues within 30 days

Open discussion

Motion made by Chris Norton to wave the \$25.00 fee but enforce the \$100.00 fee this year. Beginning next year enforce both. Second to the Motion by Storm. None opposed. Carried.

State Report:

- Joe F reports that there is not much to report. Agencies need to start looking ahead and making plans to merge with other squads or expanding to deal with CON issues and so on.
- Mary states that there is an upcoming CLI / CIC course.

CON Report: Report given by Mary Jane.

- Have had some CON transfer applications come in. Most are Fire Departments transferring to a newly formed corporation. Currently dealing with Wilmington, Saranac Lake and Luzerne.

- Minerva received a letter from the DOH about a name change that was never approved.
Working on this.
- Hadley Luzerne. This one is complicated because it deals with two towns, two regions and two counties. They have created two ambulance districts and a Not for profit company called Rockwell Falls Ambulance. DBA Luzerne-Hadley EMS. Current assets are being transferred to the districts and the districts will contract with Rockwell Falls for service. They have passed the Fitness and Competency review.
Motion to approve the Luzerne CON transfer application by Mary Jane Connors. Roll call vote:
Buzz Sawyer – YES
Bruce Barry – YES
Scott Harwood – YES
Storm Treanor – YES
Ron Jackson – YES
Greg Trask – YES
Mary Jane Connors – YES
Chris Norton – YES
Bruce Mason – YES
Gary Scidmore – YES
Micki Guy – YES
Paul Zinn – YES
Patty Bashaw – YES
Motion carried.
- Waiting for the Wilmington chief to submit Fitness and Competency for review.

Discussion on getting these CON's done by February 15th.

Other business:

- Patty brought forth an E-PCR request submitted by Argyle EMS. Motion was made by Buzz to approve Argyle's request. Second by Storm. Motion was carried.
- DOH enforcements were briefly discussed. These can be found online
- Patty briefly discussed the Executive Directors report.
- Patty brought up open seats on the council. Please make an effort to fill these. Clinton County has one available. Washington County has one available. Warren has one term that is ending.
- Medical control tests discussed. Mark Spezio has made an Intermediate exam that is being reviewed.
- Patty mentioned that the 2010 conflicts of interest sheets were emailed to council members. Please return these to the office.
- Mary Ramo mentioned that the annual awards need to be done earlier because of Vital Signs being earlier than usual. The conference is in August this year.

Patty – Next meeting is April 26th, 2010, 6pm in Queensbury.

Motion for adjournment by ? Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Travis Howe